

Supreme Court

2000 Annual Caseload

Report

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Supreme Court Highlights

Filings

- The Supreme Court received 1,521 new case filings in 2000, an increase of 90 cases (6.3%) over 1999's incoming caseload of 1,431. This set an unprecedented high for new filings.
- Petitions for review make up almost half (48.1%) of the new cases. Discretionary reviews constitute approximately one-quarter (26.2%) and personal restraint petitions 18.6%. The 63 new notices of appeal make up 4.1% of new filings, and the remaining 3.0% is made up of original actions against state officers (12 cases) and petitions for expenditure of public funds (33 cases).
- The jump in overall filings is overwhelmingly due to the increase in a single case type: personal restraint petitions. That increase (up 126.4% from 125 cases in 1999 to 283 in 2000) is a second-year climb from 1998's more typical level of 39 cases per year. The jump reflects inmates' responses to the Department of Corrections' one-time, temporary transfer of inmates to the private Crowley County Correctional Facility in Colorado.
- Petitions for review declined 6.6% (from 783 cases in 1999 to 731 in 2000), with the decline experienced in both criminal and civil petitions, down 7.2% and 5.9% respectively.
- All other case types remained fairly level with 1999 filings, with the exception of expenditure of public funds, which declined from 55 cases to 33.

Dispositions

- Mirroring increased filings, Supreme Court dispositions increased 6.1% in 2000, to 1,417 cases disposed.
- 105 opinions were written during 2000, down somewhat from the prior year's 131 opinions. These made up 7.4% of all cases disposed during the calendar year.
- Almost three-quarters (74.3%) of case dispositions were reviews that were not accepted. This proportion has remained fairly level, compared with 1999's 72.5% and 1998's 72.2%.
- 74 cases (5.2% of dispositions) were transferred to the Court of Appeals, and 50 cases (3.5% of dispositions) were dismissed. The remaining 9.5% of dispositions were cases terminated prior to the rendering of an opinion.

Pending

- Pending caseload as of year-end 2000 increased 28.5% to 735 cases, as compared with the 572 cases at year-end 1999. However, that 163-case jump was overwhelmingly due to the approximately 277 personal restraint petitions which were stayed during 1999-2000, awaiting the opinion in In re Personal Restraint of Matteson, 142 Wn.2d 298, 12 P.3d 585 (2000). That opinion was filed 11/02/2000, and Certificate of Finality was issued 1/24/2001. The stayed cases were dismissed

in 2001.

- Pending civil petitions for review increased slightly (10.9%), returning to the levels comparable to those prior to 1999's 12.0% decline.
- Pending caseload decreased for all other types of Supreme Court cases.
- Those cases which were pending for reasons other than a formal stay were overwhelmingly not yet ready for setting (awaiting parties' further pleadings).

Supreme Court Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

Filings

Notice Of Appeal - A review of a trial court decision in these select circumstances: review is authorized statutorily; an issue of constitutionality is involved; conflicting appellate decisions are at issue; questions of public importance are raised; or, the death penalty was decreed. Notices of appeal directly following a judgment in a superior court as a matter of right must be filed within 30 days. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Cases opened on notice of appeal can reach the Supreme Court by these means: direct appeal from trial court; certification by the Court of Appeals; granting of a motion to transfer an appeal from the Court of Appeals; or an administrative transfer initiated by the Supreme Court to relieve pressure on the Court of Appeals or because a similar case is already being heard by the Supreme Court.

Petitions For Review - A review of any Court of Appeals' decision terminating review. The Supreme Court only accepts reviews of decisions that conflict with other Supreme Court or Court of Appeals' decisions, that involve a significant question of law under the federal or state constitution, or that concern "an issue of substantial public interest..." (Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 13.4).

Other Reviews - The five following categories are grouped under the title "Other Reviews": personal restraint petitions, discretionary reviews, original actions against state officers, petitions for expenditures of public funds, and reviews certified from federal court.

Personal Restraint Petition - A petition to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement. The Supreme Court normally exercises its jurisdiction over such petitions by transferring them to the Court of Appeals (RAP 16.5).

Discretionary Review - A review of interlocutory orders of the superior court. Reviews made prior to a final determination of the case, in which a party argues that the trial court has committed an error pursuant to RAP 2.3(b). Discretionary reviews are in the purview of the Supreme Court under most of the same conditions that apply for notices of appeal. The Supreme Court may be requested by motion for discretionary review, to review interlocutory Court of Appeals' decisions, and decisions on personal restraint petitions.

Actions Against State Officers - Both the Supreme Court and the superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction over a petition against a state officer in the nature of quo warranto, prohibition, and mandamus (RAP 16.2), generally preventing a continued exercise of authority unlawfully asserted.

Petitions For Expenditures Of Public Funds - Petitions for expenditure from the indigent defense fund (RAP 15.2).

Certified From Federal Court - Reviews certified to determine a question of state law which does not involve a question determined by reference to the United States Constitution (RAP 16.16).

Dispositions

Cases are considered officially disposed in the Supreme Court as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the Supreme Court Clerk.

Opinions - Those cases which were reviewed by the Court and had an opinion written.

Motion On The Merits - Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

Dismissed - An order, issued by the Court, dismissing the review prior to a determination of the merits. The commissioner or clerk may dismiss a review for failure to comply with procedures. The Court, on motion of a party, may dismiss a review if the review is frivolous, moot, or solely for the purpose of delay. Also, the Court may dismiss reviews for want of prosecution or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

Transferred To Court Of Appeals - To promote the orderly administration of justice, the Supreme Court may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case to the Court of Appeals.

Review Not Accepted - Reviews disposed through this manner are not accepted because they fail to meet the requirements of review stated in Rule 2 and Rule 13 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. These requirements are summarized in the above glossary definitions for each review type.

Terminated - An order issued by the Court terminating the review before an opinion is rendered. An order to terminate a review would result if, for example, a petitioner decided to withdraw the review.

Pending

Case Stayed - Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the Court.

Ready For Setting - Those cases within the stages of perfection which have at minimum had the petitioner's/appellant's brief filed but have yet to be set on the Court calendar for review.

Not Ready For Setting - Those cases within the stages of perfection which are ready for consideration but have yet to file further pleadings.

Set For Motion On The Merits - Those cases which have been set on the motion on the merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

Set For Oral Argument - Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served and have been set for review.

Opinion/Order In Process - Those cases which have been reviewed by the Court but have yet to receive a decision.

Mandated

A decision is mandated by the Clerk of the Supreme Court with a written notification of the Court's decision to the originating court and the parties involved.

The Supreme Court
Court Activity, 2000

	-----Appeals-----			-Petitions For Review-			-----Other Reviews-----						
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint ¹	Discr. Review	OASO ²	Exp Pub Funds	Cert Fed Court	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS													
New Filings	4	39	43	412	319	731	282	395	12	33	0	722	1,496
Transfers	7	13	20	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	25
Total Filings	11	52	63	412	319	731	283	399	12	33	0	727	1,521
DISPOSITIONS													
Opinions	8	16	24	23	37	60	4	12	0	0	5	21	105
Motion on the Merits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed	1	8	9	11	9	20	3	8	8	1	1	21	50
Transferred	3	29	32	0	0	0	40	2	0	0	0	42	74
Review Not Accepted	4	7	11	421	269	690	2	349	1	0	0	352	1,053
Other Terminations	1	2	3	20	6	26	4	57	3	42	0	106	135
Total Disposed	17	62	79	475	321	796	53	428	12	43	6	542	1,417
PENDING AT YEAR END													
Cases Stayed	0	0	0	4	5	9	276	2	0	0	0	278	287
Case Ready	0	2	2	3	3	6	0	5	0	0	0	5	13
Case Not Ready ³	8	19	27	10	6	16	24	45	1	4	0	74	117
Set for Motion on Merits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Set for Oral Argument ³	1	4	5	130	121	251	0	2	0	0	0	2	258
Total Awaiting Hearing	9	25	34	147	135	282	300	54	1	4	0	359	675
Opinion/Order in Process	3	7	10	11	28	39	1	10	0	0	0	11	60
Total Pending Decision	12	32	44	158	163	321	301	64	1	4	0	370	735
MANDATED													
Opinions	5	17	22	24	38	62	2	12	0	0	5	19	103
Other	9	46	55	446	284	730	47	403	11	42	0	503	1,288
Total Mandated	14	63	77	470	322	792	49	415	11	42	5	522	1,391

1 The overwhelming majority of personal restraint petitions that were filed in 2000 and stayed as of 12/31/2000, were awaiting the opinion in In re Personal Restraint of Matteson, 142 Wn.2d 298, 12 P.3d 585 (2000). That opinion was filed 11/02/2000, and Certificate of Finality was issued 1/24/2001. The stayed cases were dismissed in 2001.

2 Original Actions Against State Officers.

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The Supreme Court
History of Filings, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
APPEALS									
Criminal	13	14	. %	11	. %	10	. %	11	. %
Civil	97	76	-21.6%	59	-22.4%	54	-8.5%	52	-3.7%
Total Appeals	110	90	-18.2%	70	-22.2%	64	-8.6%	63	-1.6%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	396	455	14.9%	417	-8.4%	444	6.5%	412	-7.2%
Civil	296	358	20.9%	319	-10.9%	339	6.3%	319	-5.9%
Total Petitions for Review	692	813	17.5%	736	-9.5%	783	6.4%	731	-6.6%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions ²	38	28	. %	39	. %	125	220.5%	283	126.4%
Discretionary Review	320	363	13.4%	316	-12.9%	388	22.8%	399	2.8%
Actions Against State Officers	13	11	. %	10	. %	7	. %	12	. %
Expenditures of Public Funds	71	53	-25.4%	46	-13.2%	55	19.6%	33	-40.0%
Certified Federal Court	1	5	. %	4	. %	9	. %	0	. %
Total Other Reviews	443	460	3.8%	415	-9.8%	584	40.7%	727	24.5%
Total Filed	1,245	1,363	9.5%	1,221	-10.4%	1,431	17.2%	1,521	6.3%

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The Supreme Court
History of Dispositions, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
APPEALS									
Criminal	22	19	. %	8	. %	11	. %	17	. %
Civil	85	80	-5.9%	92	15.0%	61	-33.7%	62	1.6%
Total Appeals	107	99	-7.5%	100	1.0%	72	-28.0%	79	9.7%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	410	405	-1.2%	440	8.6%	425	-3.4%	475	11.8%
Civil	263	322	22.4%	349	8.4%	341	-2.3%	321	-5.9%
Total Petitions for Review	673	727	8.0%	789	8.5%	766	-2.9%	796	3.9%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions	33	30	-9.1%	37	23.3%	65	75.7%	53	-18.5%
Discretionary Review	280	374	33.6%	336	-10.2%	370	10.1%	428	15.7%
Actions Against State Officers	15	5	. %	17	. %	6	. %	12	. %
Expenditures of Public Funds	75	45	-40.0%	57	26.7%	51	-10.5%	43	-15.7%
Certified Federal Court	2	1	. %	7	. %	5	. %	6	. %
Total Other Reviews	405	455	12.3%	454	-0.2%	497	9.5%	542	9.1%
Total Disposed	1,185	1,281	8.1%	1,343	4.8%	1,335	-0.6%	1,417	6.1%

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The Supreme Court
History of Pending Cases, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
APPEALS									
Criminal	20	14	. %	19	. %	16	. %	12	. %
Civil	89	83	-6.7%	52	-37.3%	43	-17.3%	32	-25.6%
Total Appeals	109	97	-11.0%	71	-26.8%	59	-16.9%	44	-25.4%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	173	225	30.1%	202	-10.2%	184	-8.9%	158	-14.1%
Civil	162	196	21.0%	167	-14.8%	147	-12.0%	163	10.9%
Total Petitions for Review	335	421	25.7%	369	-12.4%	331	-10.3%	321	-3.0%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions ²	12	9	. %	11	. %	88	. %	301	242.0%
Discretionary Review	106	95	-10.4%	74	-22.1%	78	5.4%	64	-17.9%
Actions Against State Officers	2	8	. %	1	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Expenditures of Public Funds	13	21	. %	10	. %	6	. %	4	. %
Certified Federal Court	1	5	. %	2	. %	6	. %	0	. %
Total Other Reviews	134	138	3.0%	98	-29.0%	182	85.7%	370	103.3%
Total Pending Decision	578	656	13.5%	538	-18.0%	572	6.3%	735	28.5%

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The Supreme Court
Court Activity, All Reviews, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	1,210	1,337	10.5%	1,209	-9.6%	1,414	17.0%	1,496	5.8%
Transfers	35	26	. %	12	. %	17	. %	25	. %
Total Filings	1,245	1,363	9.5%	1,221	-10.4%	1,431	17.2%	1,521	6.3%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	139	137	-1.4%	148	8.0%	131	-11.5%	105	-19.8%
Motion on the Merits	1	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	73	64	-12.3%	63	-1.6%	50	-20.6%	50	0.0%
Transferred	59	51	-13.6%	82	60.8%	89	8.5%	74	-16.9%
Review Not Accepted	818	963	17.7%	969	0.6%	968	-0.1%	1,053	8.8%
Other Terminations	95	65	-31.6%	80	23.1%	96	20.0%	135	40.6%
Total Disposed	1,185	1,281	8.1%	1,343	4.8%	1,335	-0.6%	1,417	6.1%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed ²	20	13	. %	5	. %	79	. %	287	263.3%
Case Ready	15	13	. %	8	. %	18	. %	13	. %
Case Not Ready ³	444	532	19.8%	436	-18.0%	394	-9.6%	117	-70.3%
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument ³	39	41	5.1%	33	-19.5%	42	27.3%	258	514.3%
Total Awaiting Hearing	518	599	15.6%	482	-19.5%	533	10.6%	675	26.6%
Opinion/Order in Process	60	57	-5.0%	56	-1.8%	39	-30.4%	60	53.8%
Total Pending Decision	578	656	13.5%	538	-18.0%	572	6.3%	735	28.5%
MANDATED									
Opinions	148	122	-17.6%	158	29.5%	132	-16.5%	103	-22.0%
Other	1,046	1,123	7.4%	1,201	6.9%	1,200	-0.1%	1,288	7.3%
Total Mandated	1,194	1,245	4.3%	1,359	9.2%	1,332	-2.0%	1,391	4.4%

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The Supreme Court
Court Activity, Criminal Appeals, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	6	10	. %	10	. %	8	. %	4	. %
Transfers	7	4	. %	1	. %	2	. %	7	. %
Total Filings	13	14	. %	11	. %	10	. %	11	. %
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	15	9	. %	3	. %	8	. %	8	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	1	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Transferred	4	4	. %	4	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	2	5	. %	0	. %	1	. %	4	. %
Other Terminations	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Total Disposed	22	19	. %	8	. %	11	. %	17	. %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Case Ready	0	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Case Not Ready	15	10	. %	14	. %	10	. %	8	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	3	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	18	10	. %	17	. %	11	. %	9	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	2	4	. %	2	. %	5	. %	3	. %
Total Pending Decision	20	14	. %	19	. %	16	. %	12	. %
MANDATED									
Opinions	18	7	. %	5	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Other	7	9	. %	6	. %	3	. %	9	. %
Total Mandated	25	16	. %	11	. %	10	. %	14	. %

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The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Civil Appeals, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	77	60	-22.1%	50	-16.7%	44	-12.0%	39	-11.4%
Transfers	20	16	. %	9	. %	10	. %	13	. %
Total Filings	97	76	-21.6%	59	-22.4%	54	-8.5%	52	-3.7%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	24	35	. %	38	8.6%	18	. %	16	. %
Motion on the Merits	1	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	23	20	. %	4	. %	7	. %	8	. %
Transferred	24	20	. %	44	. %	26	. %	29	. %
Review Not Accepted	10	3	. %	3	. %	6	. %	7	. %
Other Terminations	3	1	. %	2	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Total Disposed	85	80	-5.9%	92	15.0%	61	-33.7%	62	1.6%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	2	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Case Ready	0	6	. %	2	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Case Not Ready	57	52	-8.8%	33	-36.5%	28	. %	19	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	9	10	. %	5	. %	6	. %	4	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	68	69	1.5%	41	-40.6%	36	-12.2%	25	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	21	14	. %	11	. %	7	. %	7	. %
Total Pending Decision	89	83	-6.7%	52	-37.3%	43	-17.3%	32	-25.6%
MANDATED									
Opinions	28	31	. %	38	22.6%	19	. %	17	. %
Other	58	47	-19.0%	54	14.9%	46	-14.8%	46	0.0%
Total Mandated	86	78	-9.3%	92	17.9%	65	-29.3%	63	-3.1%

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The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Total Appeals, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	83	70	-15.7%	60	-14.3%	52	-13.3%	43	-17.3%
Transfers	27	20	. %	10	. %	12	. %	20	. %
Total Filings	110	90	-18.2%	70	-22.2%	64	-8.6%	63	-1.6%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	39	44	12.8%	41	-6.8%	26	. %	24	. %
Motion on the Merits	1	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	24	21	. %	5	. %	7	. %	9	. %
Transferred	28	24	. %	48	. %	27	. %	32	. %
Review Not Accepted	12	8	. %	3	. %	7	. %	11	. %
Other Terminations	3	1	. %	2	. %	4	. %	3	. %
Total Disposed	107	99	-7.5%	100	1.0%	72	-28.0%	79	9.7%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	2	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Case Ready	0	6	. %	4	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Case Not Ready	72	62	-13.9%	47	-24.2%	38	-19.1%	27	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	12	10	. %	6	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	86	79	-8.1%	58	-26.6%	47	-19.0%	34	-27.7%
Opinion/Order in Process	23	18	. %	13	. %	12	. %	10	. %
Total Pending Decision	109	97	-11.0%	71	-26.8%	59	-16.9%	44	-25.4%
MANDATED									
Opinions	46	38	-17.4%	43	13.2%	26	. %	22	. %
Other	65	56	-13.8%	60	7.1%	49	-18.3%	55	12.2%
Total Mandated	111	94	-15.3%	103	9.6%	75	-27.2%	77	2.7%

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The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Criminal Petitions for Review, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	396	455	14.9%	417	-8.4%	444	6.5%	412	-7.2%
Transfers	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Filings	396	455	14.9%	417	-8.4%	444	6.5%	412	-7.2%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	45	32	-28.9%	31	-3.1%	44	41.9%	23	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	12	8	. %	11	. %	11	. %	11	. %
Transferred	1	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	350	359	2.6%	386	7.5%	360	-6.7%	421	16.9%
Other Terminations	2	6	. %	12	. %	9	. %	20	. %
Total Disposed	410	405	-1.2%	440	8.6%	425	-3.4%	475	11.8%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	4	6	. %	1	. %	2	. %	4	. %
Case Ready	5	0	. %	0	. %	4	. %	3	. %
Case Not Ready2	141	204	44.7%	172	-15.7%	163	-5.2%	10	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument2	10	7	. %	10	. %	10	. %	130	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	160	217	35.6%	183	-15.7%	179	-2.2%	147	-17.9%
Opinion/Order in Process	13	8	. %	19	. %	5	. %	11	. %
Total Pending Decision	173	225	30.1%	202	-10.2%	184	-8.9%	158	-14.1%
MANDATED									
Opinions	46	27	. %	34	. %	46	35.3%	24	. %
Other	367	374	1.9%	407	8.8%	383	-5.9%	446	16.4%
Total Mandated	413	401	-2.9%	441	10.0%	429	-2.7%	470	9.6%

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The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Civil Petitions for Review, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	296	358	20.9%	319	-10.9%	339	6.3%	319	-5.9%
Transfers	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Filings	296	358	20.9%	319	-10.9%	339	6.3%	319	-5.9%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	33	47	42.4%	51	8.5%	45	-11.8%	37	-17.8%
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	12	10	. %	14	. %	13	. %	9	. %
Transferred	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	218	260	19.3%	279	7.3%	275	-1.4%	269	-2.2%
Other Terminations	0	5	. %	5	. %	8	. %	6	. %
Total Disposed	263	322	22.4%	349	8.4%	341	-2.3%	321	-5.9%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	2	3	. %	1	. %	0	. %	5	. %
Case Ready	6	6	. %	4	. %	6	. %	3	. %
Case Not Ready2	121	152	25.6%	129	-15.1%	107	-17.1%	6	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument2	14	16	. %	15	. %	14	. %	121	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	143	177	23.8%	149	-15.8%	127	-14.8%	135	6.3%
Opinion/Order in Process	19	19	. %	18	. %	20	. %	28	. %
Total Pending Decision	162	196	21.0%	167	-14.8%	147	-12.0%	163	10.9%
MANDATED									
Opinions	35	43	22.9%	54	25.6%	45	-16.7%	38	-15.6%
Other	229	274	19.7%	300	9.5%	295	-1.7%	284	-3.7%
Total Mandated	264	317	20.1%	354	11.7%	340	-4.0%	322	-5.3%

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The Supreme Court
Court Activity, Other Reviews, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	435	454	4.4%	413	-9.0%	579	40.2%	722	24.7%
Transfers	8	6	. %	2	. %	5	. %	5	. %
Total Filings	443	460	3.8%	415	-9.8%	584	40.7%	727	24.5%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	22	14	. %	25	. %	16	. %	21	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	25	25	. %	33	. %	19	. %	21	. %
Transferred	30	27	. %	34	. %	61	79.4%	42	-31.1%
Review Not Accepted	238	336	41.2%	301	-10.4%	326	8.3%	352	8.0%
Other Terminations	90	53	-41.1%	61	15.1%	75	23.0%	106	41.3%
Total Disposed	405	455	12.3%	454	-0.2%	497	9.5%	542	9.1%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed ²	12	3	. %	2	. %	76	. %	278	265.8%
Case Ready	4	1	. %	0	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Case Not Ready	110	114	3.6%	88	-22.8%	86	-2.3%	74	-14.0%
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	3	8	. %	2	. %	11	. %	2	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	129	126	-2.3%	92	-27.0%	180	95.7%	359	99.4%
Opinion/Order in Process	5	12	. %	6	. %	2	. %	11	. %
Total Pending Decision	134	138	3.0%	98	-29.0%	182	85.7%	370	103.3%
MANDATED									
Opinions	21	14	. %	27	. %	15	. %	19	. %
Other	385	419	8.8%	434	3.6%	473	9.0%	503	6.3%
Total Mandated	406	433	6.7%	461	6.5%	488	5.9%	522	7.0%

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2 The overwhelming majority of personal restraint petitions that were filed in 2000 and stayed as of 12/31/2000, were awaiting the opinion in In re Personal Restraint of Matteson, 142 Wn.2d 298, 12 P.3d 585 (2000). That opinion was filed 11/02/2000, and Certificate of Finality was issued 1/24/2001. The stayed cases were dismissed in 2001.